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Regarding the Microsoft settlement, I don't believe that the current proposal provides adequate reparations to those injured by Microsoft's anti-competitive behavior, nor will restore any competitive nature to the high tech market place. Hundred, even thousands, of small companies have ceased to exist over the decades because of Microsoft's anti-competitive business practices, and I fear because of this settlement, in the future Microsoft will put the U.S. economy at risk, AND cause a significant problem with our national security.

Even after being found guilty of being an illegal monopoly, Microsoft's behavior remains un-changed, if not even more anti-competitive.

Regulation of their behavior, with the threat of severe criminal penalties for failure to comply, with an immediate large fine (\$5+ billion) is the only remedy that I can see will curtail them. The market must be able to return to a state of competition.

In every sense, the USDOJ has failed by signing the proposed settlement.

Thank you,
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